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SUBJECT: DETAINED AMCIT: VINCENT F. TORHAN

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1. PDY REPRESENTATIVE TO UN ABDULLAH AL-ASHTAL ASSURED CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY HE WOULD INQUIRE INTO TORHAN MATTER WHEN HE VISITS ADEN THIS SUMMER. AL-ASHTAL HAS DEPARTED NEW YORK, WILL ARRIVE ADEN AUGUST 5, RETURN TO NEW YORK EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. DEPT HAS CONTACTED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, NEW YORK, HOPES TO INTEREST IN CASE.

3. SENATOR CASE OF NEW JERSEY CONTINUES INTERESTED IN TORHAN CASE.

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4. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING EFFORTS BY UK

EMBASSY ADEN TO ESTABLISH CONSULAR CONTACT WITH TORHAN,
BEST HOPE MAY LIE WITH AL-ASTAL. WE HAVE STRESSED TO
AL-ASHTAL IMPORTANCE OF DECENT TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS
IF PDRY WISHES TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN COMMERCIAL INTEREST
IN PDRY - A STATED GOAL. THIS APPLIES BOTH IN CASES OF
TORHAN AND LEBANESE CITIZEN VICTOR DICK OF NATIONAL CASH
REGISTER, PRESENTLY ALSO INCARCERATED IN ADEN. INGERSOLL

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